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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT NO.	25X1A
TOPIC	Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield		
EVALUATION	25X1X	PLACE OBTAINED	25X1C
DATE OF CONTENT			
DATE OBTAINED		DATE PREPARED	12 August 1953
REFERENCES	25X1C		
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REMARKS			

[REDACTED] 25X1X

- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] 27 Li-2s landed at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield, coming from an east-northeasterly direction. Three twin-engine planes and 3 cargo gliders landed at 10:40 a.m. On 2 July, six twin-engine planes towing cargo gliders took off at 9:05 a.m. and 9 Li-2s flew over Erfurt at 4:20 p.m. About 20 Li-2s landed at the field at 7:45 a.m. on 3 July. Between 1:40 p.m. and 2 p.m. on 4 July, six twin-engine planes towing cargo gliders took off from the field and headed east-northeast. 1
2. Between 4 and 4:10 p.m. on 1 July, three detonations which [REDACTED] believed to have been underground were heard from the northern edge of the field, at intervals of two minutes. At about 5 p.m. on 2 July, [REDACTED] heard at the northern edge of the field a hammering noise, apparently from an underground place in the direction of the old tank installations. The roar of a motor was also heard. On 2 July, numerous tracks of trucks were observed leading from the Bindersleben railroad station to the northwestern corner of the field, crossing a 50-meter gap in the fence. 2
3. Between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on 9 July, three formations of twin-engine planes crossed over Erfurt and headed toward Erfurt-Bindersleben, where the planes are believed to have landed. 3
4. No occupation was observed at the field on 14 and 15 July. Radio installations observed at the field included an installation with four masts, another with one mast, and a radio truck with a 7-sectional antenna. [REDACTED] 25X1C

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- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] an air transport exercise was held between Erfurt-Bindersleben and Brandis airfields. The latter field was occupied for the purpose by a unit of about 32 Li-2s and an undetermined number of Il-12s, with one cargo glider each. The unit probably arrived from outside East Germany and conducted intensive formation flying prior to 14 July, with landings at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield. It departed from Brandis airfield on 14 July. It is possible that the aircraft of the transport regiment of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army from Schoenefeld airfield were also involved in the exercise. See [REDACTED]

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2. ☐ Comment. Construction work is possibly under way on the northern edge of the airfield.

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3. ☐ Comment. The unit probably came from Brandis airfield. On the morning of 9 July, air activity was also conducted by Li-2s.

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4. ☐ Comment. This observation corresponds with the information from Brandis airfield that the transport unit departed from Brandis on 14 July. The radar set is of type Rus-2.

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